

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An empty pallet stacking unit having a pallet loading and stacking end and a stacked pallet discharge end features a pallet hopper which is reversibly moveable from a pallet loading and stacking position to a stacked pallet discharging position, the pallet
5 hopper being pivotally linked to a fixed support through a 4-bar linkage. Optionally, the empty pallet stacking unit may be cooperatively coupled to a stacked pallet staging unit.